

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Quarries - Task Force - Constituted – State Level and District Level Task Force
- Monitoring and checking of mining leases for prevention of illegal Mining and
Transportation of the Minerals – Entrusting additional tasks for Implementation of the
decisions taken in the meeting held on 06-11-2010 in the chambers of the Chief
Secretary and tackling the problem of various Granite Processing Units dumping their
waste on the road sides and other public places etc., - Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (MINES.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 74

Dated:04-02-2011
Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.69, Ind. & Com.(M.I) Department, dated 8.3.2006.
- 2) Recommendations of the Assurances Committee (APLC) in its meeting held on 26.08.2010.
- 3) U.O.Note No.13624/M.II(1)/2010-3, dt:16-11-2010, addressed to the Spl. Chief Secy to Govt., Panchayat Raj Dept., Prl. Secy. to Govt., MA&UD Dept., Prl. Secy. to Govt. TR&B Dept., Prl. Secy. to Govt., to Revenue (Land Revenue) Dept., Commissioner of Industries, AP, Hyd., DMG, Hyd., EFS&T (PCB) Dept., and Member Secretary, APCCB, Hyderabad.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, Government have constituted a State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to Government, Industries & Commerce Department and also District Level Task Force under the Chairmanship of the District Collectors concerned, with certain other officials, duly indicating their functions and periodicity of the meetings to be conducted; to examine the issues relating to illegal mining etc., and to take all remedial measures to curb illegal mining and transportation of minerals. The Members of the District Task Force are as follows:-

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| 1. | District Collector. | ...Chairman. |
| 2. | Superintendent of Police. | ...Member. |
| 3. | Dy. Director of Mines & Geology, | ...Member Secretary/Convenor |
| 4. | All Assistant Director of Mines & Geology,
in the District concerned. | ...Member. |
| 5. | Divisional Forest Officer of the
concerned District. | ...Member. |
| 6. | Regional Officer, A.P. Pollution Control
Board of the concerned District. | ...Member. |
| 7. | Regional Transport Officer concerned
of the District. | ...Member. |
| 8. | Regional Vigilance & Enforcement
Officer of the District concerned | ...Member. |

2. The Committee on Assurances, A.P. Legislative Council, in their meeting held on 26-08-2010 took a serious view of the fact that the Granite processing units and many other Crusher units dump the waste material on the roadside and other public places, which is dangerous from the traffic and pollution point of view. The Committee directed that appropriate steps need to be taken in a coordinated way by different Departments which give permissions for setting up of these units, such as Panchayat Raj, Municipal Bodies, Commissioner of Industries and the Pollution Control Board to tackle this

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problem. Though this issue is not directly concerned with the Mines & Geology Department, yet this department has been coordinating with the District Collectors to issue instructions to the R&B Dept., officials in the Districts to take necessary steps at their level. But, their efforts have not yielded desired results in the past.

3. Therefore, the Committee felt that while according certain permissions by the Commissioner of Industries, Panchayats, Municipalities and Pollution Control Board for such units, certain provisions need to be incorporated in their Rules and Regulations, so that, these units indicate a separate dumping site and the Pollution Control Board must impose certain conditions and issue certain guidelines for the disposal of this waste material. Apart from this, other administrative measures such as frequent inspections etc., as deemed fit by these Departments is also required.

4. Since the issue involved coordinated effort by various Departments of the State Government, the Chief Secretary conducted a meeting on 6-11-2010 with the Senior Officials of Industries, Panchayat Raj, MA&UD, TR&B, EFS&T(PCB) and Revenue Dept., with a view to finding a solution to the problem of dumping of waste on roads etc., by Granite Processing units and to discuss the issues covering legal and administrative aspects

5. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, minutes of the meeting dated:06-11-2010 have been communicated to the above departments with a request to take necessary action on each point with which they are concerned and they have also been requested to furnish the action taken report to the Industries & Commerce Dept., One of the decisions taken on 06-11-2010 is to constitute a Task Force under the Chairmanship of District Collector for implementation of the decisions taken.

6. Meanwhile, in the Public Account Committee meeting held on 20-01-2011 the Committee desired to know the steps taken for closure of Filter Sand units in different districts and to take steps to curb the illegal mining particularly of sand and to strengthen the Flying Squads to prevent illegal quarrying and transportation of minerals, to plug the loop holes in the collection of Revenue. The Public Accounts Committee also desired to examine the steps to be taken to conserve the natural sand and protect water table by minimizing sand quarrying gradually and encouraging use of manufactured sand as a suitable substitute. The Committee also desired to collect statistics of the total sand used in various projects, roads and construction activity etc., in the District and compare it to the quantities for which permits are given and the revenue earned, by the Mines & Geology Department which will give a clear idea about the extent of illegal mining of sand in the Districts. The Committee also desired to examine the possibility of levying environmental tax/cess on quarrying/mining leases.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to entrust the task of implementation of the decisions taken in the meeting held on 06-11-2010 in the chambers of the Chief Secretary to the existing District Level Task Force (DLTF) constituted in the reference 1st read above, duly inviting the officials of the Local Bodies concerned, General Manager, DIC, EE/SE, R&B and RDO concerned as special invitees by the District Collector. The DLTF shall also take the following steps as per the directions of the Public Accounts Committee during the meeting held on 20.01.2011:-

- i) Take steps to identify the Filter Sand Units in the districts and close them immediately as filter sand activities are illegal as viewed by Hon'ble H.C of A.P in their judgment dated 16-02-2004 in W.P.No.18359/2002.
- ii) Take effective steps by frequent inspections and vehicular checks by the Mobile/ Flying squads and dept. officials of the connected depts., to curb the illegal mining and transportation of Minerals especially with reference to sand.

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- iii) Suggest measures to be taken including the need to go for a substitute for sand i.e., manufactured sand and its use in Government works etc.
 - iv) Give their suggestions regarding the possibility of levying Environmental Tax/ Cess on the quarrying/ mining leases.
 - v) Collect statistics of the total sand used in various projects, roads and construction activity etc., in the District and compare it to the quantities for which permits are given and the revenue earned by the Mines & Geology Dept.,
 - vi) Prevent dumping of waste material on the road sides by various Quarry leases and implement the decisions taken as per the Minutes mentioned at para – 5 above.
8. The Director of Mines & Geology, shall co-ordinate with the District Level Task Force through Zonal/District Level Officials of the Mines & Geology Department for proper implementation of the decisions of the Government and ensure that Government receives ATRs/suggestions as discussed above.
9. The Task Force shall meet once in a month to implement these decisions effectively at the District Level, and send ATRs to the Director of Mines & Geology, who in turn will report to the Government on a monthly basis.
10. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad and all the District Collectors/ Chairmen of the District Level Task Forces, shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

RANJEEV R.ACHARYA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The all District Collectors. (w.e.) (minutes of the meeting dated 6.11.2010).

All the Members of the District Level Task Force and other Special invites through the District Collectors concerned.

The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.

The MA&UD Dept.,

The Commissioner Municipal Administration

The PR& RD Dept.,

The Commissioner of Panchayat Raj, Hyd.,

The TR & B Dept.,

The Member Secretary APCCB, Hyderabad.

All General Manager, DIC through, Commissioner of Industries.

The Revenue Dept.,

The Home Dept.,

Copy to:

The Secretary. A.P.Legislature (PAC) Deptt., Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad. (15 copies)

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Mines,

Shastri Bhavan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001.

The Director General and Inspector General of Police, Hyderabad.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad.

The Chief Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Panchayat Raj Dept.,

The Principal Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Department.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., TR&B Dept.,

The Principal Secretary to Govt., (Land Revenue), Revenue Dept.,

The Commissioner of Industries, AP, Hyd.

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The EFS&T (PCB) Dept.,
The Member Secretary, APPCB, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, AP Legislative Council, Assembly Buildings, Hyderabad
(with reference to Assurance No.25, dated:12-11-2007) (15 copies)
The OSD to Minister for Mines & Geology.
The PS to Chief Secretary to Government.
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